Sub-committee of the drugs consultative committee

1124. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2967 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd December, 1986 and state:

(a) when was the sub-committee of the drugs consultative committee set up;

(b) how many times the sub-committee met from the inception of its set up;

(c) whether the committee formulated list of various combination of drugs and vaccines permitted by State Drugs Authorities during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that number of combination of drugs and vaccines have been permitted by State Drugs Authorities without clinical trials as well as without obtaining permission from Government;

(f) if so, names of all such combination of drugs and vaccines which came to the Government notice;

(g) whether Government are satisfied with rationale of these combinations;

(h) if not, whether Government have issued instructions for the withdrawal of such permissions; and

(i) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The reconstituted sub-committee of the Drugs Consultative Committee was set up in September, 1982.

(b) The sub-committee met thrice since its set up.

(c), (d) and (f) The list of various combinations of drugs and vaccines permitted by the State Drugs Control Authorities during the last three years is at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 61]

(e) Although combination of registered individual drug and combination of individual vaccine would fall within the purview of the detinition of the New Drugs as given in the "Guidelines on Introduction of New Drugs" the Guidelines are not yet statutory. Accordingly some of the State Licensing Authorities have not considered combinations of already marketed drugs as "New drugs" and may not have insisted on clinical trials for some of these combinations of drugs before licensing them.

(g) to (i) The rationality of combination of drugs licensed by the State Drugs Control Authorities are examined by the sub-committee, appointed by the Government, from the angle of safety, efficacy and rationality. They recommend whether the continued marketing of these drugs are justified or not.

Based on the recommendations the Government would decide further course of action.

Cancellation of railway trains

1125. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the zone-wise names of the Mail, Express trains cancelled after 1st November, 1986 and the estimated average daily number of passengers so affected;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the engines so spared were used to boost freight earnings from goods traffic; if so with what results?